Integrated Coconut Development Project

2011. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those States where the Intergrated Coconut Development Projects have been launched ;

(b) whether EEC has been funding to these projects ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) if not, whether any such externally aided projects has been launched or proposed to be launched for coconut cultivation, processing and coir development in the country particularly in Orissa ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ; and

(f) if not, the steps taken by the Government for the development of coconut cultivation, processing and coir based industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) A scheme on integrated farming in coconut holding is being implemented in the States and UTs of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Is lands, Pondicherry and Lakshadweep.

(b) to (e) The information is not available.

(f) the Coconut Development Board is implementing various programmes for expansion of areas, production and distribution of quality planting material, integrated farming for productivity improvement and integrated pest management, coconut, technology development and other programmes for promoting, processing and marketing of coconut and its products.

Power to Police

2012. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has suggested to the Centre for granting of overriding powers to the police and to the prosecutors and has sought to underplay the importance of Magistrates at the State level ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether all these suggestions were also made during the Law Minister's Conference ; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Food Stamp System

2013. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY :
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank has suggested a good stamp system in place of the present subsidised rice scheme in the Andhra Pradesh ;

(b) whether the World Bank report on the "Agenda for Economic Reforms" made it clear that in the long term, a food stamp system to provide food entitlement to the poor would have to be introduced;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has examined the scheme ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that World Bank made several suggestion to improve that targetting of the rice subsidy scheme in that State. Introduction of food stamps is one of the alternatives suggested by the World Bank. Introduction of food stamps to eligible families Below Proverty Line (BPL) would reduce to a large extent the present administrative and operational costs. Food stamps would enable eligible BPL families to purchase the foodgrains from any shop including the Fair Price Shops (FPS) which would accept these Food coupons and claim re-imbursement either from the designated bank or state treasuries as may be notified by the State Government. The presence of Food Stamps will trigger competition among the foodgrain dealers and the F.P Shop which will lead to providing better services to BPL consumers.

(d) and (e) Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that the matter is under active consideration of State Government for an early decision.

Insurgency Problem in Tripura

2014. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the proposals sent by the Government of Tripura for modernisation of the State Police force for effectively combating the insurgency problem in the State ;

(b) the number of proposals received the approval of the Central Government ;

(c) whether the Government of Tripura has sent any proposal for strengthening the protection of Assam-Agartala Road (N.H. 44); and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure proper protection of this life line of the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Government of Tripura has submitted several proposals which include request for sanction of additional funds under the Central Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, allocation of additional arms and ammunition, reimubursement of Security-related expenditure, strengthening of Mobile Task Force and allotment of bullet-proof vehicles.

(b) So far two proposals regarding additional funds under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces and allocation of arms and ammunition have been approved by the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Yes. Sir. 36 Gypsies, arms and ammunition worth Rs. 1.23 crores were released in kind to the Government of Tripura for protection of National Highway-44. Additional funds amounting to Rs. 100 lakhs was sanctioned during 1996-97 specifically for procurement of radio communication equipment for use by Tripura Police.

World bank IBRD/IDA Assistance for Agriculture Sector

2015. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the world bank has announced a package programme to the State of Andhra Pradesh for agriculture sector ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether a package of 325 million dollars loan will be provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and $150 Million will be provided by the IDA;

(d) if so, the details of main projects that will be undertaken from this loan;

(e) the extent to which the agricultural productivity will be improved;

(f) whether the projects consolidate the Andhra Pradesh efforts to better utilise the scarce water resources available to its drought prones and economically less developed inland regions;

(g) if so, whether any concrete programme in this regard has been worked out; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The World Bank has announced a package programme of $325 million to the State of Andhra Pradesh for irrigation in connection with AP-III Irrigation Project, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources.

(c) and (d) Under the Agreement dated 3.6.97 the World Bank has agreed to provide an assistance of US $325 million (IDA Credit US $ 150 Million and IBRD Loan US $175 million) for Andhra Pradesh III Irrigation Project comprising of Sriramasgar and Srisailam right Branch Canal sub-projects which are expected to be completed by 31.1.2003. The project effectiveness date is 3.7.1997. The component wise utilisation of above assistance will be 80% for irrigation works, 2.5% for agricuture support services, 5% for resettlement and rehabilitation programme, 7.5% for environmental management plan and 5% for Dam Safety Assurance Works.

(e) and (f) Assistance to GOAP for rehabilitation and completion of Sriramasagar Project (SRSP) 253,000 ha. command area and completion of the 65,000 ha. Srisailam Right Branch Canal (SRBC) project begun under the AP II project would add 153,000 ha. to the surface irrigation commands in AP. The location of the command area of the SRBC is the Rayalaseema Region whereas the location for the SRSP, it is the Telenzana Region. The agricultural objective of these works is to promote the production of high value cash crops in upland irrigation schemes by improved water delivery, applied farming systems research, irrigation agronomy extension and farmer training. These inputs would result in significant incremental agricultural production.

(g) and (h) In respect of Sriramasagar Project and Srisailam Right Branch Canal of Andhra Pradesh III, year wise targets have been fixed for the implementation of project to be completed by 31.7.2003.

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Industry Status to Sheep Shearing

2016. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sheep shearing has been given the status of industry ;

(b) if so, whether the Government provide assistance for this purpose ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?